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YEREVAN -- Yerevan, Sovet Ermenistany, 22 May 53

The construction of Yerevan's new railway station will be completed in 1954. The station building, plans for which were drawn up by the architect Mgrahian, will be two stories high. The facade of the station will be covered with orange-colored stone. Construction is under the supervision of the Construction Administration of the Ministry of Roads [and Transport?] Armenian SSR.

Yerevan, Sovet Ermenistany, 5 Jun 53

A new library building is being constructed in Yerevan at the foot of Genekir hill, between Stalin Bul'var and the Gelebe (Victory) Park in Yerevan.

Plans for this eight-story Armenian-style building were drawn up by the architect Grigorian. The library will house a collection of old Armenian manuscripts gathered from all over the world, and totaling approximately 27,000. The building, which is being constructed under the supervision of the Ministry of Municipal Services Armenian SSR, will cost approximately 6 million rubles and will be completed in 1954. The first four stories will contain books; manuscripts will be kept in the upper four stories.

ARZIN -- Yerevan, Sovet Ermenistany, 24 May 53

The new health resort city of Arzin is situated on the Zengi River which has its source in Lake Sevan. The mineral water of Arzin, which flows steadily from a depth of 70 meters at a temperature of 15 to 20 degrees, is very effective against several ailments. Many sick persons who come to Arzin leave completely cured. The sanatoriums of the Arzin health resort are very attractive. Among these the bathhouse with tubs deserves special mention; the building is equipped with laboratories and cabinets for special treatment. The Arzin water is very palatable as a table drink also. Hundreds of thousands of bottles of Arzin water are sent yearly to various parts of the USSR.

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LENINAKAN -- Yerevan, Sovet Ermenistany, 13 Jun 53

Leninakan is the second largest city in the Armenian SSR.

A textile mill now under construction in Leninakan will be one of the largest textile combines in the Transcaucasus.

Leninakan has 38 schools and tekhnikums. A new stadium, holding about 40,000 people, has just been opened.

The new living quarters [sic] for members of the Leninakan City Soviet are located in a three-story building on Kalinin Kutche.

More than 50 million rubles will be spent in the coming year on the completion of two school buildings, the school for the children of workers of the textile combine, and the new apartment building for workers of the hosiery and knitting factory.

OKTEMBERIAN -- Yerevan, Sovet Ermenistany, 17 Jun 53

During the Tsarist regime, Oktemberian was known as Serdarabad. It is the center of a cotton, grape, and vegetable producing area rated in importance among the top rayons in the Armenian SSR. One third of the cotton consumed in the Armenian SSR is supplied by kolkhozes of Oktemberianskiy Rayon. Several kolkhozes in the rayon have incomes above one million rubles, and some, like the Mikoyan and Orzhonikidze kolkhozes, have incomes around 8 million rubles. There are five grape and fruit producing sovkhoses in Oktemberianskiy Rayon. For processing the products of its sovkhoses and kolkhozes there are a cotton cleaning plant, a food and fruit canning plant, a perfume distilling plant, and a soda bottling plant. Oktemberian also has a school of mechanized farming and an agricultural tekhnikum.

More than 70 million rubles were spent in the last few years to rebuild Oktemberian. Two hundred houses were built in 1952, and more houses with a living space of 4,000 square meters are to be completed in 1953.

There are plans for constructing 35 more streets in the next few years and also for constructing a distillery, a glassware plant, and a creamery combine.

MARTUNI -- Yerevan, Sovet Ermenistany, 3 Jul 53

The town of Martuni situated on the slopes of Shah Dagh of the Caucasus Mountains, acquired its name from the Armenian Communist leader Martuni (whose original name was Al Miyasnikian). Before that, during the Tsarist regime, it was named "Karanlik" (gloom).

Martuni has one 7-year and one 10-year school, attended by more than 1,200 students.

Martuni has become one of the progressive towns of the Sevan region. The hydroelectric station of the town supplies electricity to the villages of Eranos, Tezekend, Dzolakar, and Litchk, as well as to Martuni itself. The stone-paved Yerevan-Bassarkecher highway runs through Martuni. During recent years there were built along this highway a hotel, a restaurant, the Martuni MTS, the building of the Fish Trust of the Armenian SSR, and many houses for workers employed in fishing in Sevan Lake. In addition, there are in Martuni a canning plant, the workshops of the automobile station and the cattle-raising station, the rayon industrial combine, and many other plants.

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ECHMIADZIN -- Yerevan, Sovet Ermenistany, 9 Sep 53

Echmiadzin, center of the rayon of the same name, is situated 20 kilometers from Yerevan, capital of the Armenian SSR, with which it is connected by a semipaved highway.

Several plants were put in operation recently in Echmiadzin. Among these are a machine plant, a local industrial combine, and a branch of the "Ararat" wine trust. More than 2,500 tons of grapes are delivered yearly to the Echmiadzin branch of the "Ararat" wine trust and converted into wine. Besides a mechanized baking plant, there is in Echmiadzin a two-story hotel. A rug-weaving artel started operation in 1953.

The Mikoyan Kolkhoz had its headquarters in Echmiadzin. This kolkhoz, which has an average yearly income of 8 million rubles, owns 350 hectares of vineyards and 550 hectares of cotton fields.

During the last 2 years, more than 350 two-story private houses were erected in Echmiadzin.

Eight new wide streets were constructed and paved in recent years. In 1953, 12,000 square meters of new streets are to be steam-rolled. The city is completely electrified.

Besides a hospital, which is being renovated, and an obstetrical center, there are in Echmiadzin a polyclinic and an X-ray and physiotherapy center.

Echmiadzin has five schools, attended by more than 2,750 students. There are a school of pedagogy and also a school of music.

There are 800 radio wired loud-speakers and 400 radio sets in the houses of Echmiadzin.

The daily circulation of newspapers and periodicals in Echmiadzin is about 2,500.

"ARMENIYA" SANATORIUM NEAR KIROVAKAN -- Yerevan, Sovet Ermenistany, 21 Jun 53

The "Armeniya" Sanatorium for nerve ailments, situated on both sides of the Vanadzor River near Kirovakan, is open to patients from all over the USSR. It has all the necessary equipment for treating nervous disorders. Among such equipment there are medicated (Veyerni, Chivoy, and Dusharko) Charcot showers and medicated (Khvoyni) pine needle and Radona tub baths, instruments for electrotherapy and light-ray treatment, and mud baths with paraffin and naphthalene.

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